REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-11 are pending in the application.

Claims 3-11 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 1 has been cancelled..

Claim 2 has been amended.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been so amended, and is now in form for allowance.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over either one of Coufal et al. (USPN 5,883,875) or Watanabe et al. (RE37428).

The rejection of claim 1 is moot as claim 1 has been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made"**.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 is cancelled.

The claims are amended as follows:

2. (Amended) An optical information recording/reproducing apparatus [according to claim 1,] comprising a plurality of light sources, one of which emits an optical beam having such a wavelength as enables a larger amount of energy to be absorbed or reflected by recorded areas of a recording layer of an optical information medium than an amount of energy absorbed or reflected by non-recorded areas, said plurality of light sources emitting optical beams simultaneously to record information in an information recording mode;

wherein said plurality of light sources include a first light source and a second light source, at least one of which emits a light beam having a wavelength that enables a change rate of an absorption coefficient of unrecorded areas of the optical information medium to be within a range of ± 5% when the wavelength changes in a range of ± 10%.

End of Appendix